

## Planetarium provides students with "out of this world" trip

What is "exciting, moves fast and has very good sound effects"? According to Hartnell planetarium director, David Aguilar, that description fits "The Legacy" a movie about outer space which also depicts landings on Mars and Jupiter.

This movie will be shown every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in March. Admission is free.

In April you may become even more "spaced out" by observing "Discovery 77", which attempts to unravel the mysteries of the universe. It will show the discovery of a new planet, the rings of Uranus and the birth of a new solar system. Show

dates are April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 11, 18 and 25. All shows begin at 8 p.m.

"Time of the Triangle", will feature stars in the form of men, birds, and various objects of myths and legends. Familiar constellations will be viewed in relation to ancient legends and stories.

There are also special showings of "What's Up There", "Journey To Other Worlds" and "Spaceship Earth", for school children grades one through six.

For school bookings and special group showings phone 758-8211, Hartnell Community Services.

## Cafeteria manager stroke victim flags at half mast in memory

Ramon Vasquez, manager of Hartnell's cafeteria for the past six years, died Wednesday morning, the victim of a stroke.

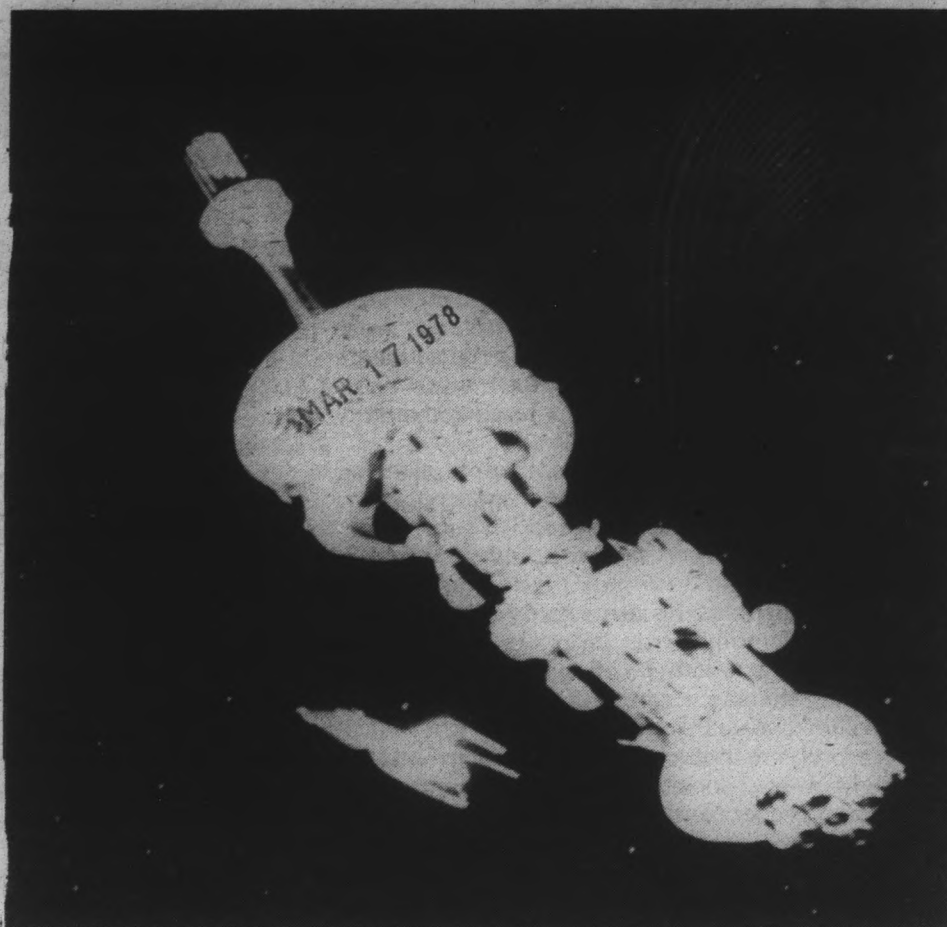
Admitted to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Saturday morning after suffering the stroke, Vasquez, 45, was in intensive care until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, Hartnell switchboard operator, and five children.

Funeral arrangements had not been set at press time.

Hartnell president Gibb Madsen commented that, "Ramon was an outstanding person...a skilled person in food services preparation. He had the best cafeteria I have ever seen in any college."

Madsen ordered flags at Hartnell flown at half-mast from Wednesday through the end of the week.



In this scene from "The Legacy," two spaceships are seen on their journey through the cosmos. At various times throughout the film, the planetarium's "star machine" projects images of the constellations -- in the proper relationship to one another -- on the viewing dome.

--photo by Sheila E. Toner

## Orientation, mid-term date set for "Popular Culture"

A "Popular Culture" course orientation has been set for March 18 from 10 a.m. to noon in room M-12. The first review is scheduled for April 8, also in M-12 from 10 to noon.

The review will cover material from articles 1 through 10.

The mid-term, covering articles 1 through 10, will be held on Saturday, April 15 in M-12 from 10 a.m. to noon.

According to instructor Steve Handley, holding the review, orientation, and mid-term on Saturdays will allow day and night students to attend and participate.

A study guide and reader are available in the bookstore and copies of the *Panther Sentinel* containing the series are obtainable in VAF-209.

## Hartnell students vie for B of A

Four second-year students from Hartnell have been nominated to compete in the first round of Bank of America's Community College Awards program with a chance of winning as much as \$2,000.

The nominees are Elaine Tobosa, a business major; Gabriel Salinas, a science-engineering major; Lori Gualarte, a social science-humanities major; and Jose Moncada, a technical-vocational major.

These students will compete against winners from other community colleges in the area.

The winners will be decided on the basis of academic record, school and community activities and character and leadership qualities.

Semi-finals will be held March 29 at Bank of America, 405 Main St. Runners-up in that event will receive cash awards of \$150.

The final event will be held in April 27 in San Francisco. Top prizes will be \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Runners-up in that event will receive \$250.

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# Editorial: We have met the enemy and it is us.

I have been a student at Hartnell College for nearly two and one-half years, a member of the *Panther Sentinel* staff for nearly a year and one-half, and editor for nearly a school year.

I feel it is my unfortunate duty to inform you that during this time, little has changed save the faces.

When I arrived, the principal complaints were that the teachers weren't teaching, the students weren't learning, the cafeteria food wasn't any good, student government was a farce and apathy was getting out of hand.

Now-a-days, the principal complaints are that the teachers aren't teaching, the students aren't learning, the cafeteria food isn't any good, student government is a farce and apathy has gotten out of hand.

It's kind of funny because many of those who were complaining two years ago are still complaining; at another college, out in the real world or at the same cafeteria tables where they complained two years ago.

This problem not only exists at Hartnell but throughout our society. We are inundated by those who recognize the pitfalls and problems in

society, are more than necessarily vocal in their condemnation, but are unwilling to take even the smallest step towards alleviation.

Examples abound. Complaints of teachers not teaching can be acted upon by petition, boycotting of the teachers or classes, expressions of dissatisfaction to the proper authorities or by direct comment to the instructors.

Of those of us who have complained about a class or instructor, how many have taken one or more of these steps and how many have waited for someone else to do so?

Instructors and parents complain that students don't learn. Instead of gearing grading policies towards compelling students to learn, rather than more personal and direct assistance with the work; instead of simply not passing a student unless they do assimilate, instructors merely continue to complain.

Do those complaining about the cafeteria food realize that there are nearly or more than 100 eating establishments in Salinas? That probably 20 of these are within walking distance of Hartnell? How many could — but choose not to prepare and bring their own lunches and snacks?

How many have really tasted the food, which (considering the number of meals prepared each day,) is damn good?

Student government is and remains a farce so long as the complaints are not accompanied by action. The officers we currently have range from competent to complacent in attitude and without student pressure have no cause to improve. In this case, what we do is what we get.

Apathy is paid perhaps more lip service than any combination of other college-related problems. The solution is simply that if half of those complaining would get off their butts and get even minimally involved, apathy would be reduced by half.

This college we attend is physically attractive by any standard and offers nearly unlimited opportunities; opportunities we must take — they cannot be forced upon us.

I am fortunate as editor of the *Panther Sentinel*, to be surrounded by and in a position to associate with faculty members and students who at least care to maintain interest.

What we have and are forced to endure is at least in part, of our own making.

## open forum

"Is there nothing wrong?"

Have you been mad during the past few weeks? Did you do anything about whatever you were mad about? Well, here's your chance to get your solutions out in the open for others to see.

We request that your letters be 300 words or less but realize that some things cannot be explained in so few words. To make it easy for us to read and hard to misread, we request you type your letters and include your name and a phone number so we can verify that you wrote the letter. There are no restrictions on content except good taste should be exercised.

Names will be withheld on request.

SEND LETTERS TO — The Hartnell Panther Sentinel, 156 Homestead Ave., Salinas, CA, 93901.

**Library hours during Easter vacation will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - noon on Friday. The library will be closed on both Sundays and will continue its practice of closing on Saturdays.**

## A sort of Valentine

by Frank A. Parker

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Circumference  
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## From where I stand

Sheila E. Toner

... many letters (and a few editorials) have been printed in the city newspaper recently regarding the teenage custom of "cruisin' Main". Shopkeepers, parents, teens and city managing editors have all had their say about this "degenerate" or "harmless" practice (depending on their point of view.)

I personally feel "cruising" in and of itself is a pretty tame hobby. I had to laugh at a recent letter writer who categorized the "cruisers" as "beer-guzzling pill poppers" and who suggested that any teenage girls who cruise Main are degenerate sluts.

## In case you missed it

Regina Costa

According to recent news reports from such reliable sources as the *Berkeley Barb*, *High Times*, *UPI* and *AP*, the Mexican government has been spraying pot fields with the pesticide known as paraquat. The helicopters being utilized were sold to the Mexican government by the United States; the paraquat itself is being sold to Mexico by U.S. firms.

The pesticide-contaminated pot has reportedly killed over 200 Mexican peasants (the rich people get the good dope) but the Mexican government refuses to confirm or deny the story.

According to a recent story out of the *Zodiac News Service*, a person who smokes three joints a day of the contaminated pot is likely to develop fibrosis of the lung within seven months.

Some Columbian pot is also reported to be contaminated.

If you want to have your dope tested for paraquat content, follow these simple instructions:

Put about one-half gram (the equivalent of a large joint) in a plastic bag; place the bag inside of an envelope with \$5 to cover the cost of the testing; send the sample to Pharm Chem, 1844 Bay Rd., Palo Alto, Calif.; if you wish to remain anonymous, invent a five-digit number and send that along instead of your name. The results should be ready in a week. To discover the state of your dope, call (415) 332-9941.

However, I can think of more productive, culturally enriching pasttimes.

Perhaps because I am socially retarded, perhaps due to my conservative upbringing, or perhaps because I just never "got into" cruising, I think cruising is a boring waste of time and energy.

Many practitioners of the art of cruising would reply that they cruise because "there's nothing else to do in Salinas."

Bull.

True, Salinas used to be a hick town where the main entertainments used to be fly-swatting and watching the lettuce grow. This is no longer true. Salinas' population has risen to 80,000 and the availability and frequency of popular entertainment reflects this increase in size.

Every year Hartnell Community services lines up an imposing list of events, speakers, workshops, classes and programs for the convenience and entertainment of the community. Additionally the Hartnell drama and music departments present many excellent plays and musicales.

Hartnell is not the only source of entertainment: a check of the John Steinbeck Library's bulletin board or a quick perusal of the *Californian's* Emphasis page on Thursday nights reveals a fantastic variety of programs, films, hikes, plays, speeches, workshops and concerts. Many of these events are free. Those that are not free at least cost no more than the money spent for gas by cruisers and/or cruisers' parents.

That's not all: most schools have at least some active clubs on campus to provide an outlet for active youngsters: Camera clubs, chess clubs, rifle clubs, swim teams — the list goes on and on.

I suppose the main point I would like to make is that no one is obligated to provide entertainment for a community, teenaged or otherwise. But active, vital people will provide their own fun, using their inner resourcefulness and interests. Silly, frivolous people will resort to silly, frivolous activities, like dragging Main.

Teenagers have a right to be silly and frivolous if they wish, as long as their behavior doesn't infringe on other people's rights. But the reason teens in Salinas drag Main is because they haven't got the ingenuity or the desire to do anything better: not because nothing better has been provided.

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# Electronics: Gadgetry in fast forward

by Maria Barrs

Perhaps the biggest revolution in the world today is in the field of electronics. Since Texas Instruments developed the integrated circuit technology in the early 1960's, the electronic industry has grown and advanced immensely. This technology allows very complicated circuits to be fabricated on a single silicon chip so small that 20 of these chips are only the size of a postage stamp.

Uses of these tiny microcircuits range from sewing machines to the popular "Pong" games, automobiles and calculators. For less than \$600 it is now possible to buy a computer for your home that can control the heating, lighting, play chess, compute your income tax, and many other things. Ten years ago, something like that would cost about \$100,000. Computers are fast becoming affordable to more people.

Here at Hartnell, integrated circuits (I.C.'s) are used in the typesetting machines in the journalism department, in the learning labs, and the computer in admissions, just to mention a few uses.

In keeping up with this fast-growing industry, Hartnell offers an excellent electronics technology program taught by John Uffenbeck in the technology building. A complete curriculum is offered, ranging from AC and DC circuit concepts through solid state devices, integrated circuits and the uses and programming of microcomputers. Each class has a lab in which students gain knowledge of multimeters, signal generators, oscilloscopes and other lab equipment, along with verification of theories learned in lecture.

The two-year program is basically for learning electronic theory. This prepares graduates to pursue a professional career at a professional salary level. Because this is a relatively new field and is rapidly expanding, the job market is wide open for trained technicians and offers many opportunities for advancement.

Because the field is changing so rapidly, knowledge only three or four years old can be obsolete. Uffenbeck feels that one of the best things about the Hartnell program is that it is very up-to-date. He has been involved in electronics for many years, both as a hobby and a profession.

A short tour of the department reveals an array of fascinating gadgetry. What looks like a jumble of colored wires and lights to the untrained eye is actually a miniature computer in a briefcase. Then there is a computer that answers you on a TV screen, can be programmed to play chess or Pong and can solve a number of difficult problems.



Joe Rusconi, an electronics student, appears to be attempting to establish a close encounter of the third kind. But in truth, he is working on a digital time clock while calibrating a dual channel oscilloscope. [Does it pick up channel 44, Joe?]

--photo by Duane Wolgamott



Electronics student Jeff Lorentzen checks his program on the video display computer terminal located in the Technology building, Rm. T-3. The computer has a 3K [three thousand] memory and hopefully will be expanded so more complicated problems can be solved. --photo by Duane Wolgamott

## Aides sought for camp

College and high school students who are interested in being volunteer counselors and aides at the Salinas Adventure Camp may call the Volunteer Bureau of Salinas, 758-8488.

The day camp is open to 150 Salinas area elementary school children.

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# Sports: The pleasure of the Flesh No. 9

On the day the Steelers clinched their second straight Super Bowl appearance, the streets of Pittsburgh were suddenly thronged with people jabbing their forefingers at a wintry sky and screaming, "We're number one, we're number one!"

It didn't seem to matter that day that the teachers were still on strike in Pittsburgh, that there had been no public education in the city for weeks, that millions of lives were feeling dislocation and damage; the Steelers - - hyped as a mythic extension of the city -- had won to show the world that the Iron City was "OK, Jack," and deserved to be plugged into the national happy news network. For the moment, at least, it was a hero city of super people.

Those cries of "We're number one!" from major league cities and from high school gyms, have been described lately by social scientists as symptoms of the growing need of Americans to identify with tangible and respected organizations; the increasing fragmentation of American life has made sports fandom a hook to hang onto.

## THE OPIATE OF THE PEOPLE

More and more commentators have begun describing spectator sports as "the opiate of the people," as the "modern bread and circuses" and as the nation's "real religion" (while describing religion as America's real spectator sport), as if it were a seventies' phenomenon, sprung full-blown from the swollen coffers of the television networks, instead of a logical progression in the growing cultural importance of sports as a shaper of ethics, values and definitions.

Since the industrial revolution, the playing and watching of competitive games have been promoted and as healthful activities for both the individual and the nation. Youth will develop courage and self-control, while Age will find blissful nostalgia. Or so we were told.

Families will discover new lines of internal communication, and immigrants will find shortcuts to recognition as Americans.

Industry, the military, government, the media, have promoted this faith in sports, and in so doing have imposed the values of the arena and the locker room upon our national life.

"Only winners are truly alive," said George Allen of the Washington Redskins, one of the all-time winningest coaches and a friend of presidents. "Winning is living. Every time you win, you're reborn. When you lose, you die a little."

There are dissenters, of course, more and more these days, ranging from parents trying to defuse the tense competitiveness of Little League programs to such sports radicals as Dave Meggysy, the apostate all-pro linebacker, who said: "Football is an attempt to sell a blown out, smacked out people, fighting inflation, the exploitation of their work, of their earth, that our system is still socially, economically and politically viable."

## IMPACT OF SPORTS

Heretic or defender of the faith, or nonparticipant, there is no escape from the impact of sports.

Traditionally, sports has acted as the first separator of the sexes; sometime soon after kindergarten, half the population—the girls—were cut from the team, literally or symbolically handed the majorette's baton and told to prepare for their careers as encouragers of men.

In recent years, the resurgence of the women's movement has significantly increased the number of females who participate in sports, but equality on the playing fields is nowhere near as prevalent as one might guess from the current hype of female sports stars.

From the middle grades on, boys are divided into athletes and failed athletes, worthy and unworthy, just at a time when they are most confused about their bodies and their relationships with their peers.

Most Americans, early winnowed from organized sports, either turn away from sports entirely, or become avid fans, a pastime encouraged by daily newspapers (which typically fill 25 percent of their newshole with sports results and gossip), by television (for whom sports programming and revenue is a mainstay), and by the ritual man-chat that makes sports our most common currency of communication.

Those who have survived all the cuts to make a world-class amateur team or a professional club have beaten odds that have been figured at one in a thousand. (Even then, success is generally short-lived -- few pros spend more than five years playing for pay.) They have usually sacrificed the chance to develop themselves socially, emotionally and intellectually, so narrow is their specialty. As Mel Rogers, a black high school basketball coach in Louisiana once pointed out, a boy who devotes his life to becoming president of the United States, even if he fails, will pick up enough experience and information along the way to make a successful and fulfilling career. A boy who devotes

his life to becoming center for the Philadelphia 76ers had better get there if he expects to get anywhere at all.

## SUPERFICIAL GLORY

Athletes are seemingly lionized in our society but the adulation is superficial and comes mostly from children, groupies and the adult male "jock worshipers" that athletes hold in contempt. People usually want something from the athlete. "Thousands of people who don't know me," says Bill Bradley, the Rhodes Scholar who played 10 years in the National Basketball Association, "use my participation as an excuse for non-action, as a fix to help them escape their everyday problems."

If the pro athlete sometimes seems "ungrateful" for this ephemeral and hypocritical celebrity status, small wonder that the black athlete, who has been most cruelly used by the sports industry, has led the way in demanding more concrete rewards in the form of super salaries. Spencer Haywood, the 19-year-old hero of the 1968 Olympic basketball team, set some sort of a record by jumping from one college to another, then suddenly turning pro, then jumping to another league. It was very hard to argue with his credo: "If your from the ghetto, it doesn't matter what you do or how you get it, only if you got it. What loyalties you got? To your family. To your (black) brothers and sisters. But to basketball? To some team? Forget it."

Sports is a socializer for work or war or depression. Listen to the historian John A Krout, prepare us in 1929 for tough innings: "During depression, with thousands out of work, sports helps refocus our attention on the Great American values and ideals, and also helps us remember that life does not begin and end with the dollar."

## THE NEW SPIRITUALITY

Forty-five years later, a Miami Dolphin lineman, Norm Evans, prepares us for the new spirituality: "I guarantee you Christ would be the toughest guy who ever played this game... Jesus was a real man, all right... aggressive and a tremendous competitor... I have no doubt he could play in the National Football League. He would be a star..."

Even in golf, tennis and bowling, the sports with the greatest spectator-participant interface, the media thrust has been consumerism -- the clothes, money and strength to buy more -- rather than the joy of games.

Perhaps it is the lingering puritan influence or the work ethic that compels us to justify our leisure, to make of sport a metaphor and a lesson and a preparation rather than a healthful high, the most fun a body can have in public. The emphasis on the discipline of sport, rather than the creativity, and on spectatorship rather than participation, has made sports into a work camp. Those who would break out to truly play have been made to sound radical.

"For starters," wrote the distance runner, Bruce Kidd, "we should stop preaching about sport's moral values. Sport, after all, isn't Lent. It's a pleasure of the flesh."

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NEXT ISSUE: Lipsyte discusses the symbolic importance of three heros, Joe Namath, Billie Jean King, and Muhammad Ali.



"[They] have imposed the values of the arena and the locker room upon our national life."



## Basketball: What was and what could have been

by "Doc" Moseley  
Sports Editor

Ask Len Wilkins about the freshly-buried (but not yet cold) basketball season. He'll tell you.

"We had the guards to win and a fair back line, but we weren't consistent enough," the head coach said. "We didn't have the big, dominant man inside. I don't mean somebody in the 6' 10" class, but one 6' 6" or so."

The major setbacks, according to Wilkins, were "too many turnovers, inconsistent defense, and boards."

"We lived and died with the guards," he added.

There were also some problems with — what else to call it? — team unity.

"Unity comes from within," Wilkins said. "If you don't have the right chemistry you're not gonna win the big games. It's a real intangible thing. You can't have 20 guys say they're gonna be happy together."

Anyone who's read **Ball Four** or has followed Billy Martin's managing career will testify to that. But Wilkins, after 21 years of coaching, doesn't need books or the examples of others to know what it is.

"One thing, we'll never carry 15 guys again," he lamented. Assistant coach Al Hilton added, "We can't get them enough playing time."

The Panthers began the season with a roster of 15 players, but after

cuts and various other forms of exit, the list was down to nine.

"And we never played more than seven," Wilkins commented.

Disastrous as that all sounds, the Panthers still went on to finish third in the Coast Conference with a 6-6 mark, and went to the final round of the Conference playoffs before getting knocked out by Skyline.

The change in performance started after the semester break, according to Hilton. "We started to come together as a team."

As for the playoffs, Wilkins said, "If Albert (Williams) would've been healthy against Skyline, it would have been different. He might have stopped (Ted) Scott." Scott scored 40 points in the final playoff game.

And what about next year?

"There's a good crop of high school kids out there," Hilton said. Hartnell is "fed" by the four Salinas high schools, plus Gonzales and King City.

Possible returnees next year are Jim Rossi, Mike Weal, Mike Oelkers, Luc Boily and Steve Gutteriez.

"We'll have to rebuild," Wilkins said, "but you do that every year. We look for a certain type of kid, the kind who wants to play junior college ball."

Wilkins smiled, adding, "I think we've got the best small conference in the state."

### Men burn Relays, set javelin mark

by Randy Aispuro

For the tenth time in the last 11 years, the Hartnell men's track team won the Coast Conference Relays, held March 11 at Cabrillo.

The Panthers totaled 136 points to second-place Monterey's 90, Cabrillo's 71, Skyline's 67 and 59 for Menlo.

The women's team placed second with 62 points, behind Monterey's 95.

On March 25 the men will travel to San Jose for the Easter Relays while the women venture to Santa Barbara for the Santa Barbara Relays.

The cindermen won eight events, including a meet record in the javelin relay. The team of Bob Elliot (180' 1"), Louie Bettancourt (173' 4") and Gene Sigala (160' 3") broke the old record, set in 1975, by nearly 18 feet.

The women won the discus, 100 meter high hurdles, shot put relay and the 3,000 meter run.

### Williams named All-CC

Wilbert Williams, who averaged 22.4 points this season, has been named to the All-Coast Conference basketball team.

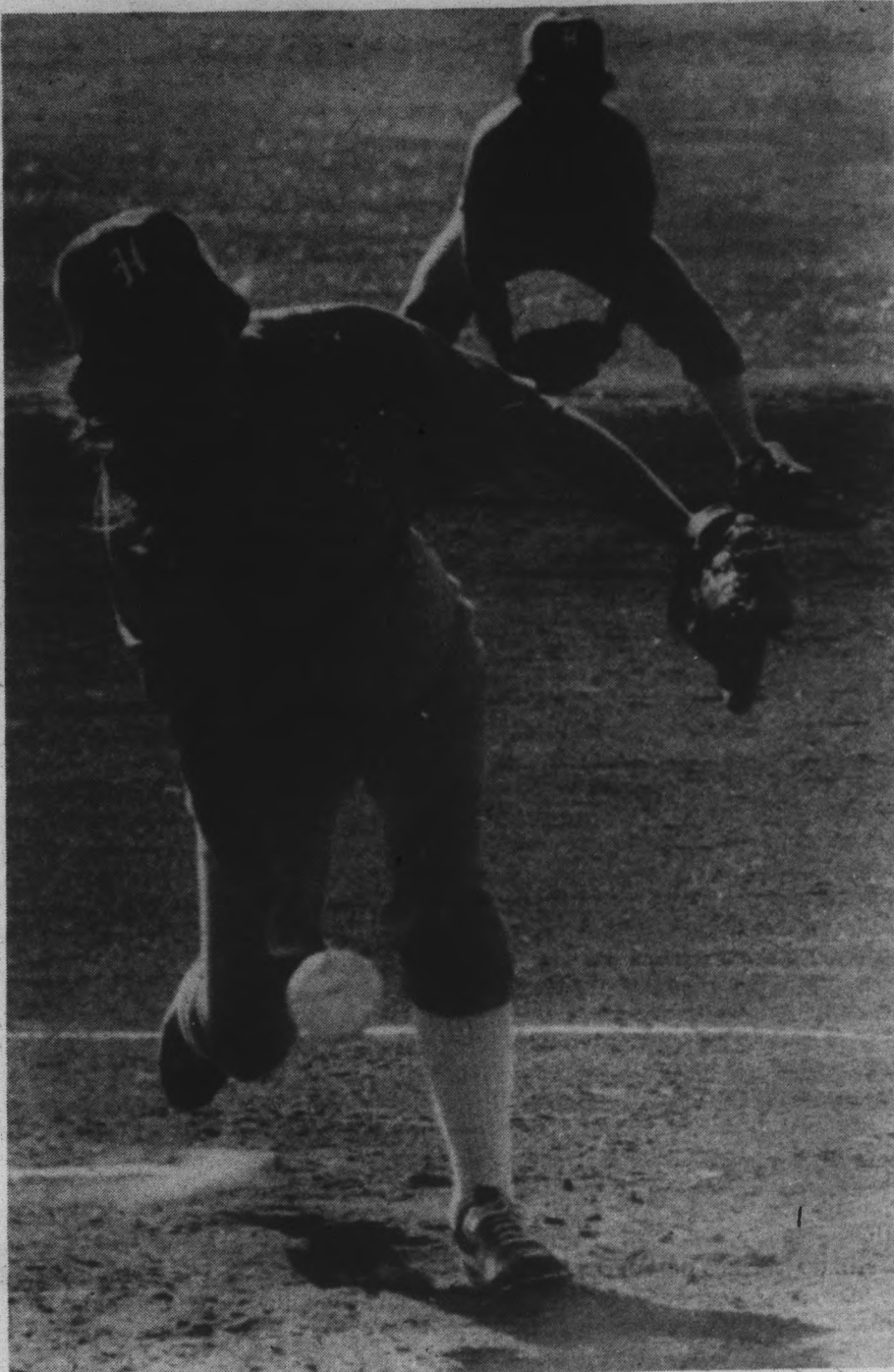
Basketball coach Len Wilkins was happy for Williams, but felt that Albert Williams could have made the squad also. "Maybe Albert should've made it, but then, he didn't play in that many games."

Kurt Townsend of Conference champion Menlo and Skyline's Ted Scott were named co-Most Valuable Players.

## Power-hitting Panthers destroy Gavilan

The Hartnell baseball team exploded for eight runs in the eighth inning en route to a powerful 12-2 victory over the Gavilan Rams March 14.

Hartnell made up a rained-out



Kathy Morasca shows the form she used in tossing a no-hitter against the Monterey Peninsula College Lobos Feb. 24. Morasca walked only two in chalking up her third no-hitter in two seasons at Hartnell. --file photo

### Softballers whip Ohlone, even mark

Hartnell's women's softball team evened its Coast Conference record at 1-1 by defeating the Ohlone Renegades 7-1 at Fremont March 7.

Ace hurler Kathy Morasca picked up the win, and also collected two hits in three trips to the plate. Jerri Mills and Cindy Caraveo also had two hits each, and Robin Rianda

ripped a three-run double in the fourth inning.

The Panthers, who destroyed Evergreen College 17-4 at San Jose last Tuesday, will take on Monterey Peninsula College here this Tuesday in their first Conference meeting. Game time is 3 p.m.

## Netters lose Conference match; Harte resigns

by Mary Smith  
Asst. Sports Editor

Number one seeded Darlene Harte of the women's tennis team has decided to resign because she "just didn't want to play anymore."

According to the women's coach, Carol Kermode, Harte's lack of interest was felt by the team.

"The team knew that Darlene wasn't really interested in playing tennis, so I guess Darlene did what she felt best."

Before Harte's departure, the women competed in two Conference matches, losing to Cabrillo 7-2 and

defeating Gavilan 8-1.

Against the Seahawks on March 10, Pam Edwards played a part in both wins for Hartnell.

Edwards defeated Linda Stewart in straight sets 6-4, 6-1 and teamed up with Theresa Taylor to beat Bathauer/Curtis, Cabrillo's number two doubles team, 6-2, 6-3.

In the win over Gavilan on March 8, there weren't enough players and the Rams had to forfeit three matches.

Harte, Taylor and Edwards all won

game with Ohlone March 15 and will be home today to face the Skyline Trojans at 2:30.

The Panthers sent 12 men to the plate in the eighth inning. Mike Chernetsky opened by reaching first

on an error. Dennis Gilbert singled, sending Chernetsky to second, and Rich Moran singled them both home after Ed Richards' infield out. Moran took second on the throw to the plate and scored on Jon Atkinson's single. Eddie Perez then walked, and Carlos Espino ripped a three-run homer over the left field fence. Dan Camacho followed with a single and scored on Scott Smith's triple. The throw to third got past third baseman Manny Costa, and Smith waltzed home.

Hartnell scored four times in the sixth inning on a two-run double by Chernetsky and Gilbert's following home run.

Mark Micheli pitched eight and one-third innings of one-hit ball before tiring and allowing two runs. Atkinson came in to get the final two outs via a strikeout and a pickoff at second base.

Mark Emmerson defeated Fred Caiocca 6-4, 7-6 and Joe Urabe won 6-0, 7-5 over Mike Klay.

their singles matches. JoAnn Alesna played Mike Mercado of Gavilan's men's team and defeated him, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.

In doubles, Harte/Alesna defeated Kamaya/Gaboni, 6-3, 6-1. Taylor/Edwards shut out Losado/Jaso, 6-0, 6-0.



# 'Blonde Bomber' skates through Hartnell

by Mary Smith  
Asst. Sports Editor

To quote the late Jim Croce, "She's a bleached-blond mama with a streak of mean. She knew how to knuckle, and she knew how to scuffle and fight."\*

For 25 years, Joan Weston has gone 'round and 'round the banked track. She's seen just about everything.

She wanted to skate when she was 14. She wasn't allowed to sign a contract until she was 18. If there was ever a fever, Roller Derby was it.

"It's really fun", Weston says. "The travelling is hectic, but the actual game is fun. You work out plays with your teammates and to see them work in a real live game, you get really excited about it."

Weston is the captain of the women's squad on the Bay Bombers. She takes her team under her wing and shows them how to play the game. Yes, she has veterans, like Carol "Peanuts" Meyer and Judi McGuire, but the actual planning of these plays has to come from somewhere.

"I think I've worked with Barbara Baker since she was nine," she says, "and Annie Bauer. My, I must have skated with her for a good 18 years."

How?

"I keep myself busy. Roller Derby has affected me to the point to where I wanted to stand out in the middle of the freeway and scream, 'I quit!' But I still do it. It's a part of my life."

A few years ago, Roller Derby made some drastic changes. The rules were different, the strategy was different, the whole image of the game changed—it was known as Roller Game.

"That was horrible. That was my excursion into the twilight zone. I was expecting Rod Serling to come out of the penalty box at any minute."

Weston lasted with the Los Angeles Thunderbirds for only about four months.

"In that time I had three whiplashes. They kept wanting me to lie down so that Erlene Brown could jump on me. Erlene was an Olympic shot putter. She weighed about 300 pounds. I just couldn't go on with that program, so I packed up and came home."

Many of the Derby skaters did. Weston says the only reason why Charlie O'Connell and she stayed was that they made a joke out of the whole thing. Eventually, Roller Game got on her nerves and she quit.

"I don't know who it got to first, but Charlie and I came home about the same week, we couldn't stand it anymore."

There's a lot of heresy about Roller Derby being staged. Not so, says Weston.

"Nothing is staged, but there is a lot of character portrayal. Let's face it, nobody has green hair. The skaters pick up little habits because the audience responded to it. A skater is 'born' from the audience response."

Weston's parents were in an uproar about her fascination with the Derby.

"My mother was just beside herself. She was totally aggravated. For 20 years she would ask me when I was going to stop being a gypsy bum and come home and get a job. As far as she was concerned, I was just off on a weekend surfing for 20 years. She never could accept it."

Weston has interests and activities off the track to help keep her busy.

"Besides surfing in Hawaii, I'm negotiating to get a skateboard park in the East Bay. I sell and demonstrate liquid embroidery, which is so far removed from Roller Derby that no one believes it. I also breed Cocker Spaniels. I've had Cockers ever since I was born,



Joan Weston of the Bay Bombers applauds approval after a big score over the Red Devils on March 11. --photo by Duane Wolgamott

and now I have the time to train and breed them."

People of all walks of life have wanted to be a roller skater at one time or another. Weston says it's not as easy as it looks.

"Kids have written me because they want to run away from home and become a roller skater. I told them to get their diploma first, then we'll think about it. The roller rink flash can't be a banked track skater just like that. He has to be trained."

To get into Roller Derby, a person has to sign up at a training school, where there is supervision in the techniques of roller skating. A skater can be as good as he wants to be. After a skater has been trained, he will gain the skills needed to be what he wants to be.

In her career, Weston has worked with many different types of people.

"Ann Calvello is insane. The funniest part about Ann Calvello is that you could see her in a supermarket and she would look the same as she does on the track. One side of her hair black, the other blond; she's just an outrageous person. She's a lot of fun. She can get you to the point to where you wanna choke until dead. And then she'll say something that will just destroy you."

Despite all the craziness, Weston feels that one day her temper will give.

"One of these days she's not going to strike me as funny and I am gonna knock her teeth out. But I do have a lot of respect for Annie. She's probably forgotten everything I'll know about skating. I say one thing—if she ever comes to a party, it won't be boring."

Another skater that uses quick wit to get out of tight situations is Nick Scopes.

"So many times I thought Charlie

O'Connell was going to barbecue him."

Weston feels that even though Roller Derby hasn't been in the area for nearly four years, it can still make a comeback.

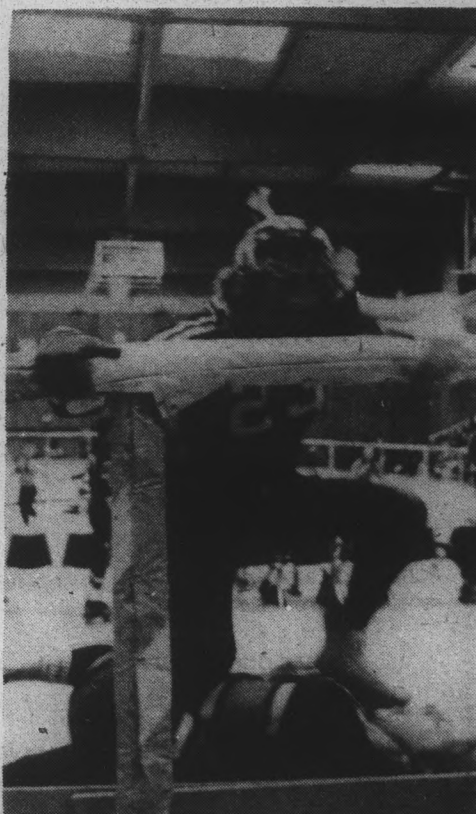
"People need more than just baseball, football and basketball. They need something they can relate to. It's just like soccer. It's something to do in their leisure time."

The "Golden Girl" of Roller Derby is idolized by millions of fans. But the fact is, she's just like you and me.

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Judi McGuire breaks out on a jam for the Bombers. She has 60 seconds to catch the pack and score. For every opposing player [except jammers who are eligible to score] she gets one point. --photo by Duane Wolgamott



The fiery Ann Calvello puts the knee to Judi McGuire. --photo by Duane Wolgamott



# calendar

## MARCH 17

Men's Track vs. Menlo, 2 p.m.

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Men's Track vs. Menlo, 2 p.m.; Track; Men's Tennis vs. Ohlone, 2 p.m.; Courts; Swimming vs. MPC, 2:30 p.m.; Pool; Baseball vs. Skyline, 2:30 p.m.; Field; Benefit concert for KKUP, Folksingers Jim Ringer and Mary McCaslin, Boulder Creek theatre, 8:30 p.m.

## MARCH 18

Powers to Arrest, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Unit 4; Traffic School, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Unit 1, 2) Conservatory class, 8:30 a.m.-noon, PA 118, 125, 145, 146

## MARCH 20-24,

EASTER VACATION

## MARCH 21

Board of Trustees meeting, Board room, 8 p.m.

## MARCH 27

Creativity for the Painter, (including March 29 and April 13), King City Recreation Center; Marion Post Wolcott exhibit opening in the Art Gallery

## MARCH 28

Track vs. Skyline, 2 p.m.; Softball vs. MPC, 3 p.m.; Men's Tennis vs. Menlo, 2 p.m.

## MARCH 29

Exploring our Universe, short course, FOB-A, 7-10 p.m.

## MARCH 30

"The Legacy", Planetarium, 8 p.m.; Golf vs. Ohlone, Bayonet course, Fort Ord, 1 p.m.

## MARCH 31

Baseball vs. Cabrillo, 2:30 p.m.; Swimming vs. Cabrillo, 2:30 p.m.; Women's basketball vs. Ohlone, 7:30 p.m.; Women's tennis vs. MPC, 2 p.m.

## APRIL 3

Piano recital, PA 125, 8 p.m.

## APRIL 4

Women's tennis vs. Gavilan, 2 p.m.

## APRIL 6

Golf vs. Menlo, Fort Ord, 1 p.m.

## APRIL 7

Baseball vs. MPC, 2:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Ohlone, 3 p.m.; Men's tennis vs. Skyline, 2 p.m.; Golf vs. Oxnard, Fort Ord, 1 p.m.

## Why no night buses to Hartnell? Public transit open to ideas

Ever wonder why there is no bus service available to Hartnell night students to alleviate the crowded parking conditions?

At the beginning of the semester, the *Panther Sentinel* announced that it intended to check into the possibility of obtaining public transportation for Hartnell night students. In addition to providing a remedy for the frustrating night traffic conditions at Hartnell such service could also enable those without vehicles to attend classes they might otherwise miss out on.

According to Salinas public service superintendant Roy Herte, "I've discussed this informally with Lew Ham (Hartnell registrar) a couple of times. If Salinas (was designed like) San Luis Obispo, with people living on either side of a corridor-like route, it would be relatively easy.

"But Salinas is designed more like a wagon wheel. It would require a (more circuitous route). I'm not really sure how to approach the problem.

"We're not looking to make money. We run on a 66 2/3 percent federal subsidy—we really only generate 1/3 of our expenses from the fare box. If we got 1/3 of our costs (from running a bus for Hartnell night students) I'd consider a route worthwhile.

"We have to be sure that enough people would want this bus service before we could really get into detail.

## Popular Music: picking the hits

"Popular Music: Who picks the hits?" is the title of a free symposium which will be open to the public at San Jose State University in the Student Union Ballroom on Thursday, March 23 at 8:30 p.m.

Panelists include Bonnie Simmons, program director at KSN; Michael Hunter, program director at KOME; Claude Hall, former billboard radio editor; Larry Heller from ASI, a firm that specializes in record pre-testing; Augui Blume, an independent record promoter; and Helen King, songwriter resources and services. Diane Rapaport, the editor and publisher of *Music Works*, a *Manual for Musicians*, will coordinate the panel.

"The city is willing to undertake anything that is viable. Any ideas that are sensible or realistic—tell us.

If you have an idea for public transit service to Hartnell, contact the *Panther Sentinel*, 758-8211, ext. 417, or Roy Herte 758-7319.

## Onward controversy! Tax change in 1980?

One of the arguments frequently voiced in favor of the controversial Jarvis/Gann property tax initiative has been that the Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional to use property taxes to finance schools and would be prohibited after 1980.

Superior Court Judge Irving Perluss ordered the removal of such claims from voter pamphlets, and the substitution of new wording.

The pamphlets, which are distributed to all registered voters in the state, originally stated that the Jarvis Initiative would not reduce tax money for schools after 1980 because the Serrano-Priest school finance decision already held that property taxes cannot be used to pay for schools after that date anyway.

"The statements are misleading, and perhaps even false" said Judge Perluss.

The new pamphlets must state that Proposition 13 (Jarvis) does not prohibit the use of property taxes to finance schools.

In 1971, the state Supreme Court ruled that property tax, as now used, is unconstitutional because it produces more money per student in some districts than others.

California state legislators have been aware that they will eventually have to come to grips with a drastic revision of the state's system of financing schools. However, the Supreme Court's decision was not immediately binding because it simply ordered a Los Angeles county Superior Court to try the case on its merits. A similar case in Texas was not found to be unconstitutional.

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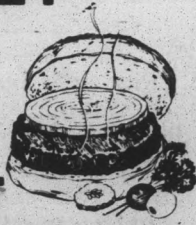
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